



**Cedar/Jones**  
**Early Childhood Iowa**

## FOCUS GROUPS/ONE TO ONE DISCUSSIONS 2019

### HAWKEYE AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (HACAP)

- *Availability of Dental Providers who accept Medicaid; Medicaid pays approximately 40% of the private pay rate;*
- *Need voucher funds for dental services and pregnant women;*
- *Increased need for specialized training and consultation for kids with special needs;*
- *Affordable childcare a real barrier for families;*
- *Planning for possible expansion of First Five in Jones County;*
- *Strengths in literacy services through Red Ahead at WIC, Prenatal at Unity Point in Anamosa, Healthcare services through Jones Regional Medical Center;*
- *Need flier for Necessity Pantry, Car Seats, and Pack n Plays;*

### TIPTON ADAPTIVE DAY CARE

- *Lack of second and third shift childcare;*
- *Inadequate reimbursement rates from the State;*
- *Staff turnover;*

### CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

- *Staff turnover in childcare settings is a consistent problem, low wages;*
- *Need support for new home providers, i.e. business tool kits;*
- *Has resources for provider emergency/immediate needs;*
- *Willing to work with ECI for specific training needs;*

### DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES – CENTER LICENSING

- *Strong selection of training options at no cost;*
- *Providers need small health and safety items;*

## CEDAR & JONES COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

- *Strong Human Services foundation in both counties;*
- *Strengths in preschools, access to libraries/books and In-Home Visitation Programming;*
- *Not enough child care options;*
- *Struggle with staff turnover in child care settings;*
- *No Dental Medicaid providers or limited ones;*
- *Obesity and parent education regarding Health Services;*
- *Bring ECI partners together annually;*

## JONES COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- *Parent Mental Health support need;*
- *Transportation – very high issue;*

## CEDAR COUNTY CONSORTIUM

- *Strong preschools and child care centers;*
- *Transportation to services needed; limited options;*

## GRANT WOOD AEA – EARLY ACCESS

- *Dept. of Education lead agency in Early Intervention – guides how services are run;*
- *Contracted to local AEA's*
- *Eligibility – known condition with delays, i.e. Downs Syndrome, drug affected children; foster care children, high lead levels in children, and 25% delay in one or more areas of development;*
- *Early Access does Transition Plan at 2 years, 9 months for transition to school districts;*
- *Data – difficulty obtaining Early Access data;*